

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐
no ☐

Property Name: FRY'S INVESTMENT Inventory Number: K-224
Address: 26825 LAMBS MEADOW RD City: STILL POND Zip Code: 21667
County: KENT USGS Topographic Map: BETTERTON, MD (1986)
Owner: ELWINA C., LEWIS H., & BRYAN S. MCDONALD Is the property being evaluated a district? ☐ yes
Tax Parcel Number: 85 Tax Map Number: 13 Tax Account ID Number: 02-003066
Project: NA Agency: NA
Site visit by MHT Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: _____ Date: _____
Is the property located within a historic district? ☐ yes ☒ no

If the property is within a district

District Inventory Number: _____

NR-listed district ☐ yes Eligible district ☐ yes District Name: _____

Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ☐ yes ☐ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ☐

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)

Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ☐ yes ☒ no

Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☒ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: To follow. Copies to be sent to the MHT to append the file K-224

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

Please find USGS topographic maps and images attached.

DESCRIPTION:

The property and structure known as "Fry's Investment" (20th century name assigned by the Fry family that owned the property from 1967 until 1993) was first documented and placed on the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties in 1968. At that time, its condition was assessed as "fair." This is due to many factors relating to the many alterations to the structure. The structure is categorized as a three-bay, two story masonry house. It has a full basement that is not used by the current owner. Architectural

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Eligibility recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility not recommended <input type="checkbox"/>
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Comments: <u>Retains important character-defining elements</u>	
<u>Andrew Lewis</u> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<u>2/6/06</u> Date
<u>[Signature]</u> Reviewer, NR Program	<u>2/21/06</u> Date

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elements such as an English-bond water table, Flemish bond brickwork with glazed headers, and segmental arches over the window and door openings characterize this 18th-century structure.

According to the 1968 report "Although the major window openings are in the original locations, they have all been greatly changed."¹ So too have the front and back doors. The original openings have been reduced in size to accommodate modern doors. The MIHP report of 1968 also notes that the "steep gable roof has two gable dormers with six over six sash protruding from each slope; these are later additions."² A photograph in the MIHP K-224 file depicts the dormers in June of 1980. It is unclear when they were originally installed. As of December 13, 2005, the dormers have been removed. A new roof has covered the original cornice or it has been removed. On the north side of the structure there is evidence (ground disturbance) of an no longer extant wing. There is also a sealed (bricked up) door on the north side of the structure that likely relates to this wing. In 1968 the assessor noted that "a wing has been recently removed from the east gable and traces of two earlier wings can be seen on that gable."³ It is clear that the structure was larger in the past.

The brickwork consists of Flemish bond with glazed headers on all facades. However, much secondary brickwork, filled-in windows (three) and a doorway as well as two new chimneys (from the new roof line up), have disrupted the original pattern and no effort was made to match brick color, style or pattern in the altered areas.

The interior of the structure has also been dramatically altered. According to the MIHP report of 1968, "the interior of the house was completely remodeled in the 19th century and no early elements remain."⁴ The 1968 assessor also felt that the current configuration of a central hall plan may replace an original hall and parlor plan. A site visit to the property on December 13, 2005, found the interior with additional alterations. Both the northern and southern rooms on the first floor have been covered with T-111 plywood and drywall. The rooms upstairs have also been covered with paneling and drywall. All fireplaces have been sealed and are also cover with T-111 and drywall. The result is a very plain interior with no detailed architectural or design elements.

¹ MIHP, Maryland Historical Trust, Inventory Form for Historic Sites Survey: K-224 "Fry's Investment," 1968; Section 7 "Description." On file at the MHT.

² Ibid.

³ Ibid.

⁴ Ibid.

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DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY:

This assessor feels that the structure, in its current state, is not eligible for the National Register. However, the structure does meet two of the evaluation criteria (A and C) as outlined by the US Department of the Interior/NPS. It meets "Criterion A" in that it is associated with the history of the late 18th-early-19th-century agricultural development of Maryland and Kent County as it was at one time part of the considerable land holdings of Unit Angier and noted as his "Mansion Farm."⁵ The structure also meets "Criterion C" in that it represents a significant building style and type of the late 18th and early 19th century. It contains significant architectural masonry elements such as an English bond water table, Flemish bond brickwork with glazed headers, and segmental arches over the window and door openings. However, the structure has been dramatically altered and its physical and historic integrity have been compromised. Moreover, as documented in the MIHP report, there are other examples of this type of structure in Kent County (Lamb's Meadow K-113, Caulks Field K-93). The structure does not meet any of the NR "Criteria Considerations" for eligibility. It has no affiliation with a religious institution; the structure is in its original location; it is not associated with a significant historical figure; there is no evidence of a graveyard associated with the property; the structure has not been reconstructed or restored to its original form; and it holds no commemorative or exceptional importance during the last 50 years. Therefore, it is the determination of this assessor that this property, K-224 "Fry's Investment" is significant but not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

Prepared by: Mechelle L. Kerns-Nocerito, Ph.D.

Date Prepared: January 6, 2006

⁵ Maryland State Archives, Kent County Land Records, Liber JNG 1, folio 70, 1824.

Addendum: "Fry's Investment"

There are two outbuildings associated with the *Fry's Investment* property (please see the Plan View and Structure Key included in this submission). Per the Plan View and Structure Key, Structure 1 is the Main House addressed in the previous submission. Structure 2 is a small half wood (vertical board-on-board) and half concrete building with a corrugated metal roof that dates to the first quarter of the 20th century. Its past utility is unclear but its form is suggestive of a "dairy" or milk house.¹ There are windows on both the south and north elevations. The window on the north elevation has shutter that appear to have been removed from the main house (Structure 1). There are two window vents on each gable end. The exterior is treated with white paint. The structure is constructed with wire nails. The interior is not accessible and has been nailed closed by the property owner. It is now use for storage.

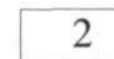
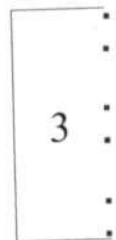
The third building on the property is a modern "pole barn" (Structure 3). No images of this structure have been included as it a non-contributing element. The structure consists of four bays and the primary elevation of the structure is open, with no doors, and is supported with slim wood poles. The framing consists of 2 x 4 wooden supports and it is constructed with wire nails. The exterior siding and roof consists of corrugated metal. It is used for both farm and domestic storage.

¹ This structure closely resembles a dairy or milk house described in: Gabrielle M. Lanier and Bernard L. Herman, *Everyday Architecture of the Mid-Atlantic: Looking at Building and Landscapes* (Baltimore, MD: John Hopkins University Press, 1997), 54-55.

Fry's Investment (K-224)
Plan View and Structure Key*

MD Rt 289

MD Rt 292



KEY

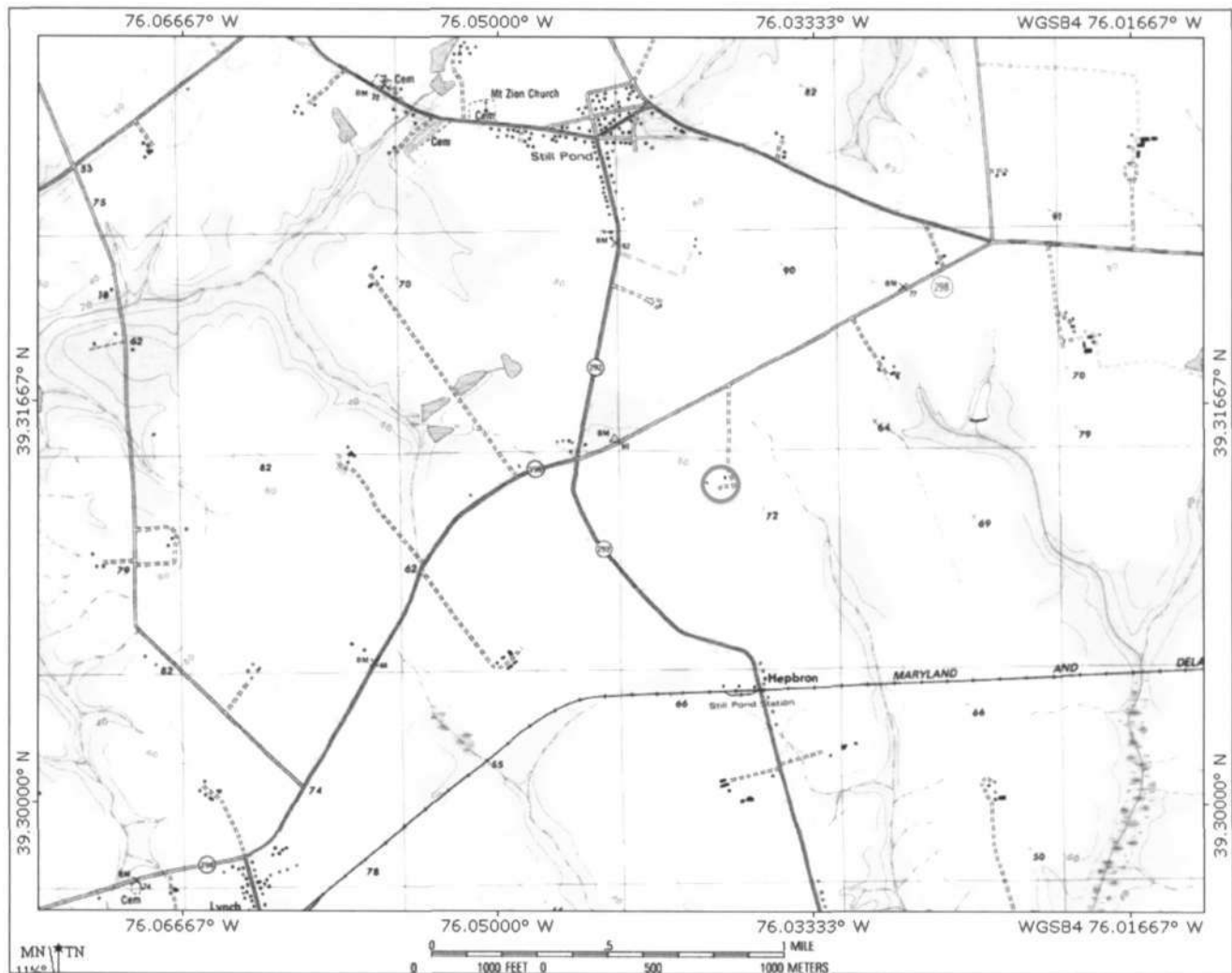
Structure 1: Main House (brick)

Structure 2: Dairy? (concrete and wood)

Structure 3: Pole Barn (wood and corrugated metal)



* Not to Scale



USGS 7.5 Minute Quadrangle, Betterton, MD (1986)

○ Represents subject property K-224 "Fry's Investment"



Facing west, detail of secondary entrance, secondary façade.



Interior, first floor, north side, main room (modern kitchen area) depicting sealed fireplace.



Interior, first floor, south side, secondary room (modern living room area) depicting sealed fireplace.



Interior, first floor, center hall, 19th-century stair case.



Interior, first floor, center hall, facing primary entrance.



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FRY'S INVESTMENT
STILL POND, MD

102409, 119102409_003_0003

Ritz, R0073, 01/30/06

NORTH ELEVATION
ML KERNS-NOCERITO

1/8

12/05



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FRY'S INVESTMENT
STILL POND, MD

102409, 119102409_001_0001

Ritz, R0073, 01/30/06

South Elevation
M L KERNS - NOCERITO

2/8

12/05



FRY'S INVESTMENT
STILL POND, MD

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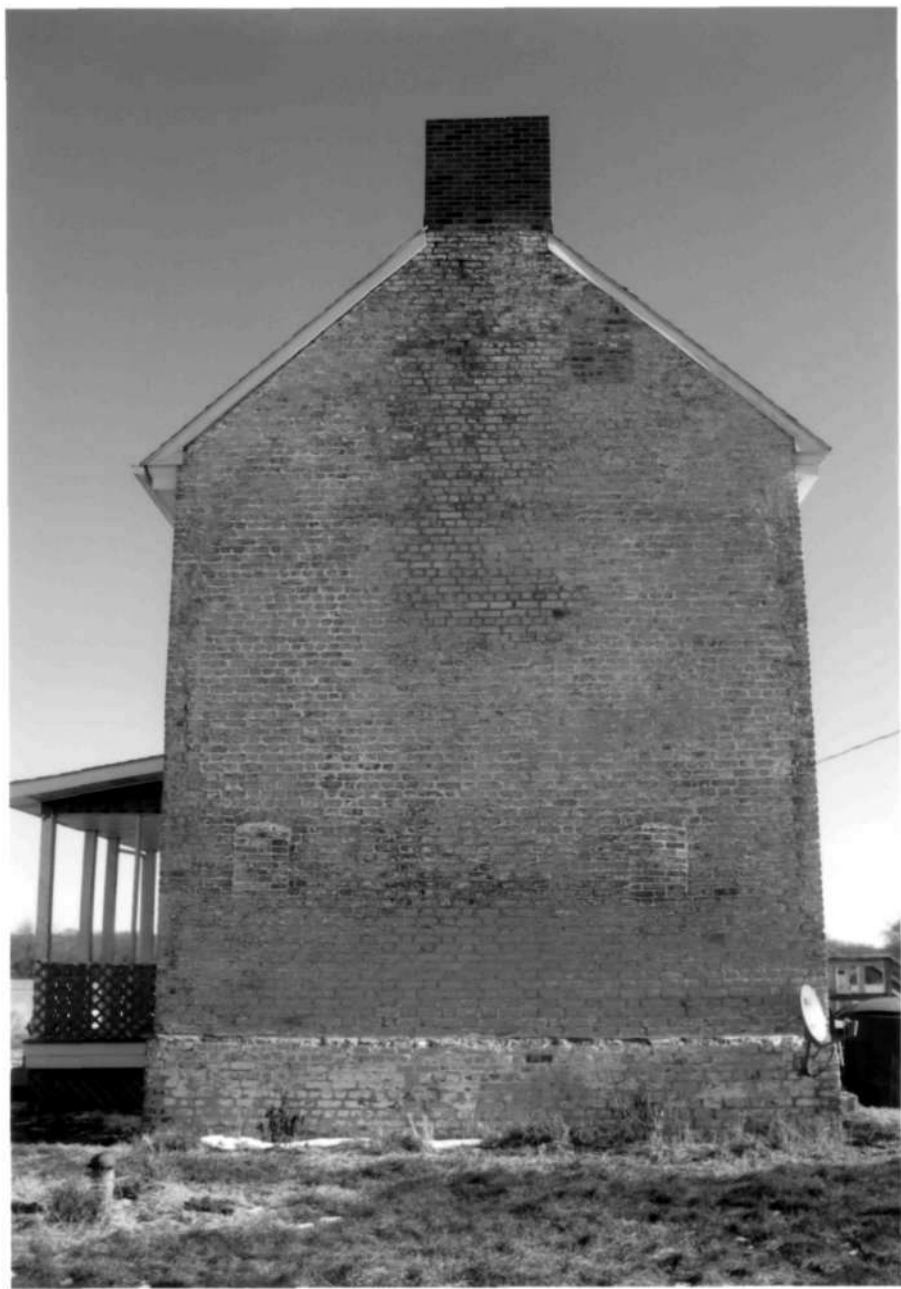
Ritz, R0073, 01/30/06

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EAST Elevation
ML KERNS-NOCERITO

3/8

12/05



FRY'S INVESTMENT
STILL POND, MD

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102409, 119102409_002_0002

Ritz, R0073, 01/30/06

WEST Elevation
ML KERNS-NOGERITO

4/8

12/05



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Fry's INVESTMENT - Outbuilding - Dairy?
Still Pond, IND

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Ritz, R0073, 01/30/06

SW Elevation
ML KERNS-NOCER to

5/8

12/05



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FRIJ'S INVESTMENT, Outbuilding- Dairy?
STILL POND, MD

11047584. highres_5511_1618429_9848868_0

Ritz. R0073. 01/30/06

NORTH Elevation
ML KERNS-NOGHERITO

6/8

12/05



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FRY'S INVESTMENT Outbuilding - Dairy
Still Pond, MD

102409. 119102409_006_0006

Ritz, R0073, 01/30/06

WEST Elevation

ML KERNS-NOCERITO

7/8

12/05



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Fry's INVESTMENT - Outbuilding - Dairy
Still Pond, MD

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Ritz. R0073. 01/30/06

EAST Elevation

ML KERNS-NOCERITO

8/8

12/05

FRY'S INVESTMENT
Lynch, Maryland
(mid-18th century)

In spite of its many alterations, this building is an example of an 18th century farmhouse. The masonry is very good and illustrates the decorative use of brick bonding patterns that was favored in the mid to late 18th century houses in this county. In the form and detailing, of the three-bay, two story house, this structure closely resembles Caulk's Field house, a 1743 building near Fairlee.

The name, Fry's Investment, was given to the tract by the present owner.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC FRY'S INVESTMENT

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER South side Route 298, 2 1/4 miles
northeast of Lynch

1st

CITY, TOWN

Lynch

XX VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Kent

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Edwin C. Fry

Telephone #: 301-778-0220

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 390

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21620

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Kent County Court House

Liber #: EHP 58

Folio #: 449

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown, Maryland

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Maryland Historical Trust, Survey of Kent County

DATE

1968

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust, The Shaw House, 21 State Circle

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis, Maryland 21401

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

___EXCELLENT
___GOOD
XFAIR

___DETERIORATED
___RUINS
___UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

___UNALTERED
XALTERED

CHECK ONE

XORIGINAL SITE

___MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The old house called Fry's Investment is a brick structure which probably dates from the third quarter of the 18th century. No early outbuildings remain and the building is situated in open fields, facing north.

The house is three bays wide and one room deep with a central entry on both long facades. It rests on a basement, and is two stories tall. The steep gable roof has two gable dormers with 6 over 6 sash protruding from each slope; these are later additions. Brick chimneys, each with two flues, are enclosed within each gable wall.

The brick work is a good example of the outstanding craftsmanship of the late 18th century masons. All facades are laid in Flemish bond above the water table and English bond below. The water table itself is beveled. The bricks measure about 9" by 2½" by 4½" and are laid with narrower vertical mortar joints than horizontal joints. The building is currently painted light green, but some glazed headers are visible.

Although the major window openings are in their original locations, they have all been greatly changed. Two over two Victorian sash are used in all windows. Frames are quite narrow and have a ½" bead on the inside; the wooden sills are plain. There are segmental brick arches of headers above the first floor openings. There probably was a plastered panel between the top of the frame and the arch.

The rear doorway has its original segmental arch of alternating two headers and one stretcher, although the door opening has been moved one foot. The north entry has been widened and a pair of Victorian doors with a three pane transom installed. These doors each have two panels and an a large Victorian box lock.

In the west gable end of the building were small windows, 18" X 24", on either side of the chimney. They have segmental arches of headers (probably glazed) and resemble the windows of Lamb's Meadow (K-113) and Caulks Field (K-93). Both of these

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD

☐ PREHISTORIC
☐ 1400-1499
☐ 1500-1599
☐ 1600-1699
☐ 1700-1799
☒ 1800-1899
☐ 1900-

☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC
☐ AGRICULTURE
☒ ARCHITECTURE
☐ ART
☐ COMMERCE
☐ COMMUNICATIONS

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING
☐ CONSERVATION
☐ ECONOMICS
☐ EDUCATION
☐ ENGINEERING
☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT
☐ INDUSTRY
☐ INVENTION

☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
☐ LAW
☐ LITERATURE
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSIC
☐ PHILOSOPHY
☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

☐ RELIGION
☐ SCIENCE
☐ SCULPTURE
☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
☐ THEATER
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)

SPECIFIC DATES 3rd quarter 18th century BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In spite of its many alterations, this building is an example of an 18th century farmhouse. The masonry is very good and illustrates the decorative use of brick bonding patterns that was favored in the mid to late 18th century houses in this county. In the form and detailing, of the main house, this structure closely resembles Caulk's Field house, a 1743 building near Fairlee.

The name, Fry's Investment, was given to the tract by the present owner.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marsha L. Fritz, Survey Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Kent County Planning Commission

DATE

778-4600, ext.67

STREET & NUMBER

Court House

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Chestertown, Maryland

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

buildings date from the middle of the 18th century, and the windows light closets or stairs flanking the fireplace.

There are two basement windows in each facade and a former basement entry on the east gable has been closed. The present entry is on the south wall. Small attic gable windows have also been bricked in.

Another major change is the three bay front porch with a low hipped roof, square posts and simple scroll-work brackets.

The earlier Maryland Historical Survey states that, "A wing has been recently removed from the east gable and traces of two earlier wings can be seen on that gable." No clear ghosts remain to indicate the shape of these wings, although a cut down portion of the water table implies a lower floor level.

The interior of the house was completely remodeled in the 19th century and no early elements remain. The central hall plan may replace an original hall and parlour plan. The stair is very simple. Interior window and door trim has an applied Greek ogee molding.

1. STATE <u>Maryland</u> COUNTY <u>Kent</u> TOWN <u>Stillpond</u> VICINITY STREET NO. <u>Ind. Rt 298 - 1/4 mile E. Rt 292</u> ORIGINAL OWNER <u>South side</u> ORIGINAL USE <u>dwellings</u> PRESENT OWNER <u>Ed Fry</u> PRESENT USE <u>dwellings</u> WALL CONSTRUCTION <u>Brick</u> NO. OF STORIES <u>2 1/2</u>	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY <u>K-224</u> 2. NAME <u>Fry's Investment</u> DATE OR PERIOD <u>c. 1750-1800</u> <u>18th Century</u> STYLE <u>Colonial</u> ARCHITECT BUILDER 3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE
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4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

OPEN TO PUBLIC No

This house is a 2 1/2 story brick building dating from the middle of the 18th century. All sides are laid - Flank bond and there is a chamfered water table and segmental arches above all windows & doors of the 1st story. The bricks of the 1st story appear larger than the second story but no line can be distinguished when the building might have been heightened. The building is 3 bays long with center door having a transom and side lights. All sash are 3/2 except for the 2 dormers on each side of the roof which have 6/6 sash. There were 2 small windows in the west gable which are now bricked up and on in each ^{attic} gable, also bricked up. The basement is laid - English bond and has 2 windows on each facade and a bricked-up area on the East gable & probably ^{was} the entrance ^{to the basement} at one time, which is now ~~way~~ the S. facade. The door of the South facade has been moved to the west about a foot off center and the

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE

Endangered NOInterior goodExterior good

windows have been ~~partially~~ made narrower by about 2 or 3 inches. The entire structure is painted yellow. A wing has been recently removed from the East ~~gable~~ & traces of 2 earlier wings can be seen on West gable.



6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

7. PHOTOGRAPH

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)
INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER

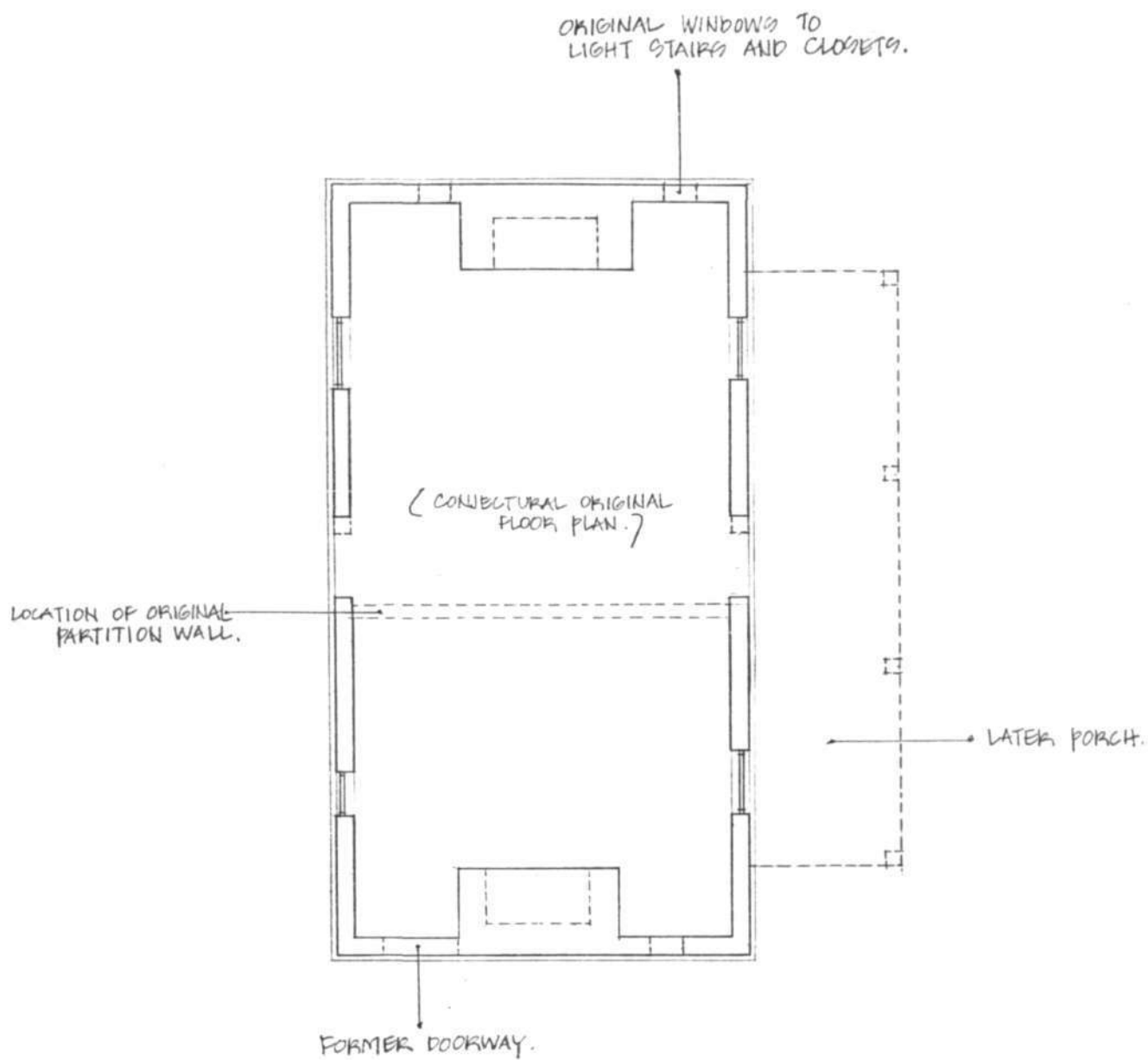
Michael Bourne

DATE OF RECORD

Sept 23, 1968

This house is a $2\frac{1}{2}$ story brick building dating from the middle of the 18th Century. All sides are laid in Flenish bond and there is a chamfered watertable and segmental arches above all windows and doors of the 1st story. The bricks of the 1st story appear longer than the second story but no line can be distinguished where the building might have been heightened. The building is 3 bays long with center door having a transom and sidelights. All sash are 2/2 except for the 2 dormers on each side of the roof which have 6/6 sash. There were 2 small windows on the west gable which are now bricked up and one in each attic gable, also bricked up. The basement is laid in English bond and has 2 windows on each facade and a bricked-up area on the east gable. Probably was the entrance to the basement at one time, which is now on the south facade. The door of the south facade has been moved to the east about a foot off center and the window has been made narrower by about two or three inches. The entire structure is painted yellow. A wing has been recently removed from the east gable and traces of two earlier wings can be seen on that gable.

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LYNCH, MD.
SCALE: $\frac{1}{8}" = 1'0"$

FRY'S INVESTMENT
Lynch, MarylandLand Records of
Kent CountyTransactionEHP 58
449TO: Lorraine & Edwin C. Fry
FROM: Lorraine & Edwin C. Fry
DATE: May 28, 1974

235 + acres

EHP 24
210TO: Lorraine & Edwin C. Fry
FROM: Elroy & Laura Boyer
DATE: October 2, 1967EHP 15
427TO: Elroy & Laura Boyer
FROM: Myra K. Roseberry
DATE: January 7, 1966

Parcel # 1

JTD 6
536TO: Samuel Roseberry
FROM: Jacob H. Dewes
DATE: August 1, 1902

Samuel died in 1928 leaving the property
to his widow (Wills Liber SGC1/305, Kent Co.)
Jacob Highley Dewes inherited the property
from Elizabeth Highley by Will dated February 14,
1889 (Wills Liber TRS1/124, Kent Co.)

SB 4
327TO: Elizabeth B. Highley, of Montgomery Co., Pa.
FROM: Mary E.R. Moffett, Executrix of John F. &
Mary E.R. Moffett, of Baltimore
DATE: June 12, 1883

248 + acres, sold for \$14,147.75

DCB 2
277TO: John F. Moffett
FROM: James A. Pearce, trustee for
DATE: August 25, 1876

For \$9,817.00, 270 acres.

Land Records of
Kent CountyTransactionJNG 11
659TO: James B. Ayres, Newark, Del.
FROM: Richard & Mary Semans
DATE: February 12, 1848251 acres for \$4,500, one of two tracts
purchased.JNG 3
648TO: Richard Semans
FROM: Joseph & Elizabeth Howard
DATE: May 19, 1835

For \$2,800 called the Corse Farm

JNG 3
608TO: Joseph Howard
FROM: Lewin Wethered, trustee of John Wethered
DATE: November 24, 1834

For \$2,397.00 239 acres.

JNG 1
70TO: Lewin Wethered
FROM: Czekial F. Chambers, trustee
DATE: September 1, 1827

In 1824 E. Chambers appointed trustee for the sale of the real estate of Unit Angier to settle Angier's debts. He sold the farm on July 25, 1825 to Peregrine Wethered, (trustee for the estate of John Wethered who died in 1820), for \$2,397.09 for 239 acres. By the time the deed was executed, John W. had died. Excepted from the sale was a 12' road and the Home Farm or Mansion farm of Unit Angier

TO: Unit Angier
FROM:
DATE:

Angier was a large land owner.





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Fry's Investment

View to South

M.L. Fritz

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